

Quality & Standards Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Members present: Alan Foster, Leila Goring, Diana Hoskins (Committee Chair), Pat Mould, Colin Peaks (Principal), Lois Thorley

In attendance: Jonathan Butler (Assistant Principal), Stewart Edwards (Assistant Principal), Laura Skarratt (Clerk), Natalie Sketchley (Vice Principal), Ben Wallis (Vice Principal)

31. Apologies for absences (agenda item 1)

Resolved: Apologies were received from Donna Fitzgerald.

32. Declarations of interest (agenda item 2)

Resolved: There were no declarations of interest.

33. Minutes of the meeting: 11 November 2020 (agenda item 3)

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 were accepted as a correct record.

34. Matters arising from the minutes/action schedule (agenda item 4)

Resolved: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting/action schedule.

35. Covid-19 update (agenda item 5)

The Principal reported to the Corporation of the local Covid-19 infection rates: The seven day rate is now 183 per 100k, and is predicted to drop by the 4th February to 176 per 100k. By comparison, Hull had a 333 per 100k rate on the 21st January 2020. This demonstrates that the rate is falling for the area, with is good news. Almost 100% of over 80s have now had their first vaccinations, with no supply issues being reported.

Regarding lateral flow tests, 9 positive tests have been reported from Schools in Hull, 2 were false positives. He reported that a positive home test requires an additional test at a testing site to be undertaken, but a positive test from onsite testing at school does not require an additional test at a testing site.

The laptops issued by the Government have now been received by the college. Simcards have been received from the suppliers, but the Principal reported that there has been a delay with the modems, this is being followed up by IT Manager.

In addition to IT supplies, the college is also providing to students, pens, pencils, notebooks etc to aid them in their home study. Students are asked to call the college in the morning and resources will be made available for them to collect as soon as possible.

Resolved: The Principals Covid-19 update was received by the Committee.

36. Final Self-Assessment Report 2019-20 (agenda item 6)

Natalie Sketchley reported to the Committee that the SAR for 19-20 is now complete, she highlighted the following results; the college has an 85% all college achievement rate, this is in line with the national average (page 5). Year 3 A-Level achievement is 89%, this is above the national average of 83.1%. Overall level 3 achievement is 91.7%, this is well above the national average of 83.8% (page 6). The Committee hear that these very positive results are the product of a two-year improvement plan executed by SMT. With regards to destination data (page 11), 3% of students are seeking employment, this is well below the national average of 11.5% and an improvement on last years' result of 4%. Whilst the number of students progressing on to higher education has increased from 50% to 57% (page 25), the number of students going on to apprenticeships has fallen, with the Covid-19 pandemic being cited as one of the contributing factors. The Committee thanked Natalie for the update and were pleased by the positive results.

The Principal reminded the Committee that the full SAR is available to them to review on MS Teams, and staff will be given access via Sharepoint. He also advised the Committee that Ofsted are now able to visit the college after 21st March 2021, but it is anticipated that this may not occur until later in the year or even 2022. The Committee Chair asked if the college could be scrutinised by an independent person(s), before an Ofsted inspection were to occur. It was agreed that appraising the SAR with an independent person was very useful previously, so this would be good practice for the Ofsted review as well. However, at present this would be difficult to conduct (due to the national lockdown), so this activity could be undertaken later in 2021, or early next year.

The Committee discussed the prospective Ofsted visit and independent scrutiny activity. It was agreed that the Corporation would seek volunteers from a Governor or Governors to complete the pre-Ofsted scrutiny activity.

Resolved: The Committee received the Final Self-Assessment Report and agreed a pre-Ofsted scrutiny activity from a nominated Governor(s).

37. DfE Performance Tables (agenda item 7)

The Principal advised the Committee that there will be no public data for this year (or last year), Ofsted to receive the data only.

Resolved: The Committee received the DfE Performance table update.

38. In-Year Progress (agenda item 8)

It was agreed that minute 38 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year (**SEE SECTION B**).

39. Student Destinations and IAG Annual Report (agenda item 9)

It was agreed that minute 39 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year (**SEE SECTION B**).

40. Quality Assurance (agenda item 10)

It was agreed that minute 40 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year **(SEE SECTION B)**.

41. TLA Improvements Update (agenda item 11)

It was agreed that minute 41 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year **(SEE SECTION B)**.

42. Performance Management Outcomes (agenda item 12)

It was agreed that minute 42 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year **(SEE SECTION B)**.

43. Student Voice Update (agenda item 13)

It was agreed that minute 43 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year **(SEE SECTION B)**.

44. Governor Scrutiny (agenda item 14)

It was agreed that minute 44 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government for a period of one year **(SEE SECTION B)**.

45. Confidential items (agenda item 15)

It was agreed that minutes 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government and associated reports are therefore not available for circulation to the public, college staff or students (excluding senior post holders).

46. Any other business (agenda item 16)

Alan Foster gave his thanks to Ben Wallis for sharing the Yorkshire Water Hub photographs.

Resolved: Any other business was received.

47. Date of next meeting (agenda 17)

Resolved: The next meeting will take place on 12th May 2021.

Action schedule

Min. no.	Title	Action by	Action
36	Final Self-Assessment Report 19-20	Clerk	Seek a volunteer from the Corporation to conduct a pre-Ofsted scrutiny activity.

Min. no.	Title	Action by	Action
44	Governor Scrutiny	Committee Chair (DH) and Chair of the Corporation (PM)	To jointly undertake Governor Scrutiny activity of the Single Central Register (after lockdown)

Learner impact

The Committee scrutinised and provided appropriate challenge in the following areas, all of which helps to improve student performance and achievement:

- Ensuring measures are in place to ensure a safe and effective learning environment.
- Scrutinising the college's assessment and judgement of its performance, as well as priorities moving forward, to ensure that any areas for development are addressed.
- Ensuring effective support is in place for students.
- Undertaking governor scrutiny activities to ensure the College is meeting its legal duties in relation to the Single Central Register.

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Approved